Older Brother Complex

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CHAPTER 5

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KNOCK KNOCK
MEI, ARE YOU DONE CHANGING?
YES
CLICK

HOLY CRAP!!
THEY MIGHT BE TOO TIGHT...
...MAACHI, YOUR CLOTHES,
Ba-womp
Those are enormous!
Why!? Why can't I have insecurities like this...!!
I HATE HOW FAT THEY MAKE ME LOOK, THOUGH...
I'M REALLY SHORT BUT... I HAVE TO WEAR SIZE LARGE SHIRTS...
tremble tremble
Ba-womp
HOW ABOUT THIS?
I thought so
Ba-womp
OR THIS!?

Coming!
DINNER'S READY
Mei, after fighting with her parents and running away from home,
has taken shelter at our place for now.
ITADAKI-MASU!!
.. However..
If she spends the night in THAT
Onii-chan will land in the palm of her hand.
Was I right to allow her here?
Grrrrr!
REALLY... I'M SORRY FOR CAUSING ALL THIS TROUBLE
BORROWED FROM RIICHI
Onii-chan's shirt...!!
Look at them bounce!
CONTROL
GANTZ
2006

SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE TOUGH...
I CAN'T ASK YOU TO USE OUR PARENT'S ROOM
YOU CAN SLEEP IN MAACHI'S ROOM OR IN MY...
AND A FUTON IN THE DEN WOULD BE UNCOMFORTABLE, SO GIVEN THAT
SNAP
STOP RIGHT THERE!
"YOUR ROOM" IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENT!!
"WELL... I MEANT I WOULD SLEEP HERE
AND NISHIZONO WOULD TAKE MY ROOM...
Naturally
Huh?
giggle *giggle*
I WOULD LOVE TO SLEEP IN MAACHI'S ROOM! ♪
AH...
2006

Uh.. aren't you "running away"...?
"Sleep-over"?
THIS WILL BE MY FIRST SLEEPOVER!
My parents are so strict.
hehe
hehe
M- MY ROOM...?!
IT'S, UH, OKAY I GUESS
REALLY?! THAT'S WONDER-FUL!
♪
Over here!
!
AFTER DINNER, WANNA WATCH IT IN MY ROOM?
COME TO THINK OF IT, I RECORDED A VIDEO OF TODAY'S POSTAL MAID
SURE!
I... I will also watch...!!
HUH?!
Is Onii-chan purposefully trying to shake me off?!
No way..
Like I would leave you two alone in a dark room..
MAACHI! YOU WANT TO WATCH THAT SAD?
THEN... YOU'VE FINALLY AWOKEN TO THE WONDERS OF ANIME...?!
AREN'T THEY FUN?
HSSSSSSSSS...
glisten

Watch out!
BOING
!!
HEY, LEAVE THEM I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE DISHES
THANK YOU FOR THE MEAL
clatter
REALLY IT'S FINE
PLEASE I SHOULD DO THIS MUCH, AT LEAST
AH!
Gya!
DANGER! DAAAAAANGER!
MEI!
TO MY ROOM, NOW!
Oh no oh no...
Oh no oh no...

WOW... YOUR ROOM IS SO CUTE!
THANKS
HEY MEI
MM?
THIS IS A PERSONAL QUESTION BUT...
UM...
RIGHT NOW
IS THERE ANYONE THAT YOU LIKE?

And so, after clearing some bumps in the road, Ahicom took off. At the time I was thinking "Is this really going to be serialized?!" (chuckle) But since so many other storyboards had been denied, I figured I should accept (probably.)

Though my agent never did see Kiichi as "cool", no matter how many times he read my drafts (ahaha)

With that, I hope you'll continue to support me in volume 2 of Ahicom (it's done!) even though it's a little off color.

Yabu

It seems so blurry, far away...
WOW!
THERE'RE THIS MANY...?
I TOOK A LOT, HUH?
It's amazing...
I look at least 30% more cute than usual.
Compared to shots I take in photobooths with Riru-riru and Uzu-uzu, in all these pictures
Maybe... when I faced the camera, I was looking at Onii-chan and...
these pictures captured my feelings of love.
So beautiful...
Wait a second...

But really...
Could Onii-chan be in love with...?!
IF THERE'RE ANY YOU LIKE JOT DOWN THE FILENAMES.
I'll print them out.
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
He's been making eyes with Mei since we ate...
HUH?
JUMP!
YOU TOOK A LOT MORE OF MEI THAN ME
SOME-HOW IT LOOKS LIKE
AH ★
I did, didn't I?
YOU KEPT SHYING AWAY FROM THE CAMERA, DIDN'T YOU?
MAACHI, LOOK
?!
RUB
RUB

It hurts.
rustle rustle
...

MAACHI-CHAN?
MEI?
WHAT... WHAT IS IT!?
MAACHI, YOU GO AHEAD...
...YOU FIRST
MEI, IS THERE ANYONE THAT YOU LIKE?
MINE IS NOTHING IMPORTANT SO...
MAACHI, PLEASE GO AHEAD!
WELL...
...
I ASKED THIS EARLIER BUT...

THE TRUTH IS
I
HAVE NEVER FALLEN IN LOVE WITH A BOY. ONLY GIRLS.
REALLY?
IF YOU MEAN A PERSON I'M INTERESTED IN, THERE'S SOMEONE.
Could it be....
I STILL DON'T KNOW... IF YOU COULD CALL IT "LIKING"...
He saw right through her!
JUN SEEMS TO HAVE NOTICED ALREADY
My Feelings
Geeze, siscons are amazing!
WAIT...
Right now, was something really deep just said!..?

I WAS HALF PREPARED FOR THE REJECTION,
EVEN SO IT SHOCKED ME AND TORE ME APART
SHE SUDDENLY BEGAN TO AVOID ME
AFTER I TOLD HER MY FEELINGS
Ah~
That's a typical reaction I guess...
MY FIRST CRUSH WAS A GIRL, TOO
SHE WAS MY FRIEND BUT...
"LOVING SOMEONE... IT'S NOT JUSTIFIED ONLY WHEN YOUR LOVE REACHES THEM."
THE ONLY ONE WHO UNDERSTOOD WAS JUN
IN THAT DARK TIME
MY BROTHER DATES AND BREAKS UP WITH A NUMBER OF GIRLS
SOME SEE HIM AS A PLAYBOY, BUT
"WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS YOUR FEELINGS... RIGHT?"
It... sounds like what he told me...
"SIS, THE FACT YOU WERE TRUE TO YOURSELF AND YOUR FEELINGS"
"WASN'T THAT GOOD IN OF ITSELF?"

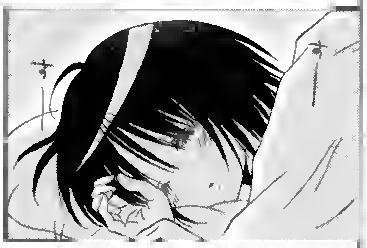
I feel terrible..
I'm always busy thinking about me and Onii-chan!
But in the end...
There isn't anyone else for him.
DEEP DOWN HE'S A GOOD PERSON
I see...
It might be that Jun dates so many girls
so that his feelings never burden Mei.
Mei... and I...
and Jun...
We've all loved hopelessly.
MM?

That...
That's wonderful!!
THE ONE YOU'RE THINKING OF NOW IS A GIRL?
YEAH
SO THAT MEANS—
THEN YOU DON'T HAVE ANY FEELINGS FOR ONII-CHAN?!
So even if onii-chan falls in love with Mei
they won't work as a couple?
NO
WHAT?!
THUMP
I THINK I KNOW WHO YOU LIKE NOW, MAACHI-CHAN

BA-THUMP
UH...
YOUR ONII-CHAN
YOU REALLY LOVE HIM, DON'T YOU?
I LOVE
...YOU'RE RIGHT
I somehow have the courage.
Because of Jun...
I want to love him forever and ever!
I LOVE ONII-CHAN!
Even if it's hopeless

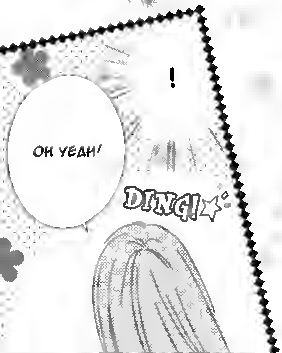
DOES SHINONOME-KUN KNOW?
How you feel about him?
SINCE MY MOTHER AND FATHER MARRIED FOR THE SECOND TIME
ONII-CHAN HAS BEEN THE ONLY BOY IN THE WORLD TO ME BUT NOW...
ONII-CHAN
ONLY SEES ME AS HIS SISTER
"EVEN IF YOU'RE AN OTAKU, I'LL ALWAYS ALWAYS LOVE YOU."
"MAACHI, I LOVE YOU TOO."
"MAACHI, YOU ARE MY PRECIOUS SISTER"
ALL I CAN DO IS WATCH, AND SEE WHAT KIND OF GIRL HE MARRIES
HM?
?
YES BUT WHY?
THEN, THERE'S NO BLOOD RELATION AT ALL?
Not even through one parent?
YES ?
YOU TWO ARE SIBLINGS THROUGH YOUR PARENTS' MARRIAGE?
WAIT A MINUTE,

IF THAT'S THE CASE...
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO MARRY !
Probably.
I don't remember any problems...
I marry?
I THINK I READ IN A MANGA
SAY WHAT?!
YOU'RE NOT LYING?
REALLY?
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
S-SORRY... I HAVE TO CHECK AGAIN...
I can marry Onii-chan??



Mei, if it was you...

I might have let you take onii-chan.



I suck at jigsaw puzzles...
T-THIS IS REALLY HARD!!
touch
Ah!
THUMP
LET ME SEE...
AH, ONII-CHAN!
UP TO SOMETHING, MAACHI?
I WANTED TO PIECE THIS TOGETHER AGAIN BUT...
NOTHING FITS!!
So close...!!
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
O... Onii-chan...

HOW'S THIS?
NO MATTER HOW YOU SHAKE IT, SOME PARTS ARE MISSING
NO GOOD
REALLY
W-WHY!?
MINAZUKI'S TIME IS IN HIGH DEMAND THESE DAYS
HE HIMSELF ALMOST NEVER ATTENDS EVENTS
We were very lucky yesterday
THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN
THEN WE HAVE TO GET ANOTHER SIGNATURE AT AN EVENT...
NOOOOOOOO!
GASP!
A-ARE YOU JOKING!?
IT WOULD BE IN SIX MONTHS A YEAR
AND EVEN IF HE WERE TO COME AGAIN
I want to do something, but...

Probably, Maachi has yet to realize herself
the good points she possesses.
ONII-CHAN?
The power she has to charm people.
The power she has to heal me... perhaps.
YOU'RE SO SWEET, MAACHI.
HUG
HUH?
THUMP

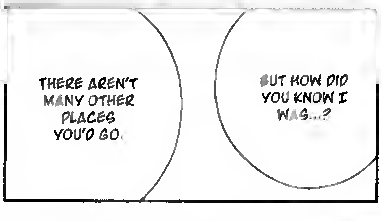
That's why I've decided
As her brother...
to protect Maachi as her brother.
But Maachi's love for me is only a sister's love.
I can't expect anything more.

chirp
chirp
DING DONG
DING DONG
MMMMM
Ah!
WHY IS SOMEONE HERE SO EARLY IN THE MORNING ?
TAP TAP TAP
THE DOOR-BELL
EXPRESS DELIVERY?
Too early even for that.
blush
blush
U...
UWAAAA!?
Why is Mei over here?

Woah!
Pajamas...
...JUN!?
...JUN?
Y— AREN'T YOU JUST RIDICULOUSLY EARLY!?
TH— THE HELL? YOU'RE JUST WAKING UP!?

TH... THANKS...
JEEZ, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE WEARING!?
HERE, YOUR BAG!

CONTROL
WHA..!


THERE AREN'T MANY OTHER PLACES YOU'D GO.
BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS...?

I KNOW

MOM AND DAD,
THEY'RE UP IN KNOTS, YOU KNOW

UP UNTIL NOW... I'VE ALWAYS BEEN HIDING FROM MY PARENTS SO DESPERATELY
I NEVER TRIED TO BE UNDERSTOOD...
TALKING WITH MAACHI HAS CALMED ME DOWN
HUH...?
IT'S ALL RIGHT,
I'M GOING BACK TODAY.
PING
IF I FACE UP TO THEM, I CAN MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND DEFINITELY!
THE TRUTH IS, I LOVE ANIME AND MANGA
YOU CAN DO IT...!!
YEAH!
PING

DING
DONG
what one loves, one loves.
No matter what anyone says
After that, Mei went home to talk with her parents
It seems they apologized for ripping up the autograph.
Everything ended well
And, if only a little she can watch anime and read manga at home.
Perfect! Wonderful!
1-B
HEY, SHINONOME!
CAN I HAVE A MINUTE?
HUH...?
...or so it seemed to me...

rustle
whoosh
whoosh
Huh?
LET'S GO OUT TOGETHER

W-WAIT A MINUTE!
WHAT DID YOU JUST...
DON'T MAKE ME SAY IT AGAIN.
B-B-B-UT...
WHAT ABOUT WHAT YOU TOLD ME YESTERDAY! WEREN'T YOU BEING SUPPORTIVE?
I KNOW I'M BEING INCONSISTENT HERE!
BUT...
I CAN'T CHANGE HOW I STARTED FEELING ABOUT YOU SINCE THEN...
THERE'S NEVER BEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE...
This isn't happening...

I...
was just confessed to for the first time...!
...and from the class's most popular boy!
DA-
ZED
whoosh
whoosh
I'M DOING THIS BECAUSE YOU AND I BOTH HAVE PAINFUL LOVES
DATING LIGHTLY, JUST TO TEST THE WATERS, MIGHT DO US GOOD
rustle
rustle
THAT'S
WHAT I THINK
JUN, I...!
NO NEED TO ANSWER ON THE SPOT
AND DON'T THINK TOO HARD ABOUT IT
JUN! WAIT A I...!
SEE YA
WAIT!
WHENEVER YOU'RE READY TO ANSWER JUST TEXT ME OR SOMETHING

S-so heavy!!
WOW, IS SOMEONE MOVING IN?
Come to think of it, the place next door has always been empty
MMMM MM!!
Heavy
SLAM
ACK!
DO YOU NEED HELP WITH THAT?
blush
grab

ARE YOU FROM THIS BUILDING?
YEAH
PROBABLY THE APARTMENT NEXT TO YOURS
?
CAN I HELP TAKE THIS TO YOUR PLACE?
N-NO NEED!
MY FIANCÉE IS COMING BACK SOON!
I'm fine!
Bam
WELL, IF YOU EVER NEED SOMETHING
HE'S GOOD
Ah!
DECIDED!
THAT ONE WILL BE MY NEXT BOYFRIEND!
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MAACHI'S FEELINGS...!
RIICHI'S DECISION...!
THE FATE OF
THE FORBIDDEN
LOVE WILL BE...!?
SHINONOME...!
DON'T BLINK!
VOLUME 2, IN STORES THIS WINTER!

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